

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**Eric T. KOOL**Serial No.: <sup>10</sup>~~24~~/604,400

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For: **Detection of Chemical Ligation Using  
Fluorescence Quenching Leaving Groups**

§ Group Art Unit: 1637

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§ Examiner: **Teresa E. Strzelecka**

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§ Atty. Dkt. No.: 12665.0024.NPUS01

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§ Confirmation No.: 1399

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS FOR REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

Applicant submits the following preliminary amendment prior to the examination.

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